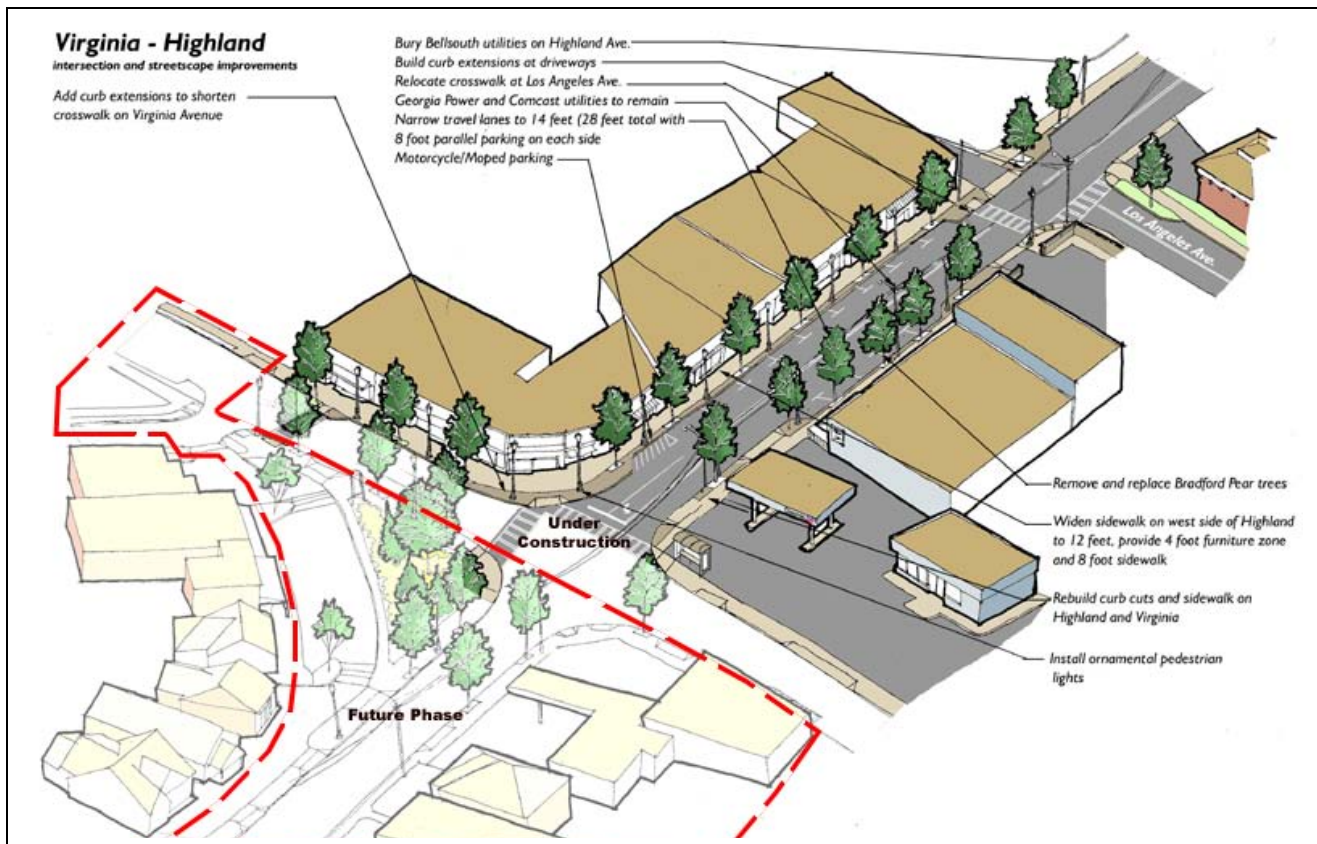




City of Atlanta
Department of Public Works

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Virginia Avenue/North Highland Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project



October 2, 2006

The Department of Public Works is pleased to announce the implementation of the Virginia Avenue-North Highland Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project located in Council District 6.

Description

Streetscape improvements will be constructed within the existing right-of-way on North Highland Avenue and Virginia Avenue. The total length of the project is approximately 400 feet on North Highland Avenue and 330 feet on Virginia Avenue.

Sidewalk Improvements

This project will replace the existing sidewalks on the east and west sides of North Highland Avenue from Virginia Avenue to Los Angeles Avenue. The sidewalks will be constructed with historically appropriate paving treatments (including hexagonal concrete pavers, and granite curbs). The west side will consist of widened 12-foot wide sidewalks; there will be 8-foot sidewalks on the east side. Also, the sidewalk will be replaced on the north side of Virginia Avenue from Highland Avenue to Todd Road.

Additional Improvements

- Curb cuts on the northeast corner of North Highland Avenue and Virginia Avenue
- 45-foot radius-curb extension at the northwest corner of North Highland Avenue and Virginia Avenue
- The southbound left turn lane on North Highland Avenue will be shortened to 50 foot with a 50 foot taper and all through lanes will taper from 14 foot wide to 12 foot wide approaching the intersection

- On Virginia Avenue, east of North Highland Avenue, a 100 foot long left turn lane with a 50 foot taper will be added. This will create 13 foot wide travel lanes on this portion of Virginia Avenue
- The Bradford pear trees currently lining the street will be replaced with 17 appropriate small street trees (Chinese Elms) to include pedestrian lighting between replacement trees
- Resetting of 8 garbage receptacles, 9 highway signs, 2 mailboxes, and 26 parking meters, 15 new benches, and 10 bike racks

Funding: \$100,000 Federal Funds (Congestion Mitigation Air Quality), \$450,000 Local Funds (Quality of Life)

Status: The following activities are currently underway for the week of October 9, 2006:

- Fine grading behind curb
- Sidewalk demolition
- Sidewalk installation
- Installation of root trenches



Construction/Activity Schedule

Activity	Start Date	End Date
Tree Removal/Utility Location	June 19, 2006	Mid July 2006
Sawcutting / Demolition	July 10, 2006	End July 2006
Rough Grading	July 24, 2006	Early August 2006
Electrical Rough Work	August 23, 2006	Mid/Late August 2006
Installation of Granite Curb	September 20, 2006	Mid Sept – Early Oct 2006
Sidewalk & Curb Demo	September 29, 2006	Late Sep – Early Oct 2006
Fine Grading	October 6, 2006	Mid October 2006
Installation of Concrete Sidewalks & Pavers	October 10, 2006	Mid October 2006
Landscaping (rough work – finish)	October 20, 2006	Early November 2006
Site Furnishing, Electrical Trim Out, Milling	November 2, 2006	Late November 2006
Asphalt Paving	November 15, 2006	Mid/Late November 2006
Striping/Marking/Signage	November 27, 2006	Early December 2006
Site Cleanup	December 4, 2006	Early-Mid December 2006

Dates listed are approximated. This schedule is subject to change without notice.

Note: The City of Atlanta parking enforcement section is in the process of launching a multi-space meter pilot program. Multi-space meters are currently installed around City Hall and the City Court Complex. If successful, the citywide program would be in place at the time the parking meter installation will occur for the Virginia Highland Streetscape project. The design change will be coordinated during construction.

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